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The Sultan's Compliments.

As the news already indicates, the United States will act with exceptional conservatism in the matter of Morocco's invitation, called today, to participate in the international conference with regard to its affairs. The interests of this country in Morocco are purely commercial, whereas the disturbing cause of the situation which has led to the calling of this conference is political. Were it not for the rivalry between France and Germany over the right to exercise a dominant influence upon the Moorish government there would be no conference. Just to what extent the United States can afford to engage in any discussion of the case with the powers of Europe remains for determination after the most careful consideration.

As long as the Morocco issue rests upon the question of the open door of trade this government has the right to enter and can in safety engage in a conference regarding the future. It stands before all the world as an advocate of the open door. It has repeatedly urged the adoption of that principle in Asia. Its insistence upon equality of trade rights in Manchuria brought it into the far eastern situation in the days when the European powers were timid about addressing Russia on the subject. But whether it can afford to take part in an inquest over Morocco, which is called mainly for political purposes, especially in a matter chiefly affecting two old-time enemies, is another matter.

The spectacle of Morocco inviting the powers to enter upon a consideration of her affairs is somewhat novel and amusing. Unless the sultan is seeking aid, to prevent his becoming the subject of a war which will have him beyond recovery, he must be regarded as acting at the behest of one of the two chief bidders for dominance over Morocco, Germany or France. It is not difficult to guess which one. And the fact that the kaiser has persuaded the sultan to ask for the conference is a sign that the recent visit to Morocco has already borne its fruits in the establishment of the German influence. The sultan is unquestionably an accommodating host.

The Plenipotentiaries.

The age is one of enterprise. No sooner is it announced that the plenipotentiaries for establishing peace between Russia and Japan are to meet in this country than "bidding" begins for their entertainment. Chicago is prompt with an invitation, and Portland, Oregon, follows. At the latter place a big show is in progress, and the foreigners might be converted into a feature of it. Visitors might gather to see the plenipotentiaries assemble for their work and disperse at the conclusion of a session. The arrangement would be novel, but hardly conducive to business. It might prove distracting even to statesmen and diplomats accustomed to crowds and ceremonies to be placed thus on view for the public's entertainment. Better a place where quiet prevails and people are accustomed to celebrities. Better Washington while the weather is good, and then adjournment to a nearby place, if the weather at the capital becomes unmanageable.

These distinguished officials in any circumstances are certain of some new experiences. For one thing they are going to make the acquaintance of probably the most enterprising daily press in the world. They will find themselves being raised in a country where people are eager for the news, and where the facilities for gathering it are thorough and elaborate. In America love laughs no louder at locksmiths than reporters do at executive sessions. Burglary is not committed, but the genius for getting news is cultivated to a fine point, and this often commands secrets that are well guarded against the ordinary search. The news, the whole of the news, and everything that looks or sounds like news, is the watchword.

But the field, we may all be sure, will not be left to the home press. Many capable newspaper correspondents representing the pick of the European journals will follow the plenipotentiaries over and send their own stories home. Interest everywhere will be great, and will continue while the negotiations are on, and not a line on the subject bearing evidence of an appreciation of the situation will lack firm readers. We shall all be happy to see the plenipotentiaries, happy to help entertain them, and happier still if their labors are crowned with terms of benefit to all the world.

King Oscar must be credited with doing all that could possibly be expected of him to live down the popular prejudice that exists against monarchs.

The Teachers.

School is closing. The long vacation is at hand. The pupils are trooping out of their class rooms and study halls, eager for the rest of the lesson-free summer. Teachers are packing up their books and papers and preparing to go forth to seek the well-earned relaxation. In a few days the schools will be open big and bare and the process of education will be at a standstill. A good work will have been pushed forward one more stage.

Looking at this work from the teacher's point of view, it is a ceaseless grind. It can never be finished. Even with promotions the teacher finally comes to the place where there is no advancement. From year to year the same subjects are discussed, the same routine covered, with only the faces changing. The snail grinds a fresh grist each season; that is all. But, despite the monotony of the succession of the years, the work is inspiring to the conscientious instructor—and conscientiousness is the predominant characteristic of the teachers.

To the teacher whose heart is in the work the thought must come to encourage that the tolls of today tend to the making of better men and women on the morrow. The best teaching is that which goes beyond the routine and seeks to work an influence upon the individual characters of the pupils. There can be no monotony in such a labor, dealing, as it does, with the infinite variety of human traits. A teacher who takes that view of the school task will never weary, and vacation will mean, best of all, a chance to acquire new strength with which to accomplish the work of the season to come.

It is a sacrificing assignment, this of the teacher. The pay is small; few positions in the great organization of the community's needs are paid so poorly. The responsibility is heavy; the character of the rising generation rests to a large extent with the instructors of youth. For more than nine

months in the year the teacher must be toiling in class room or in study, keeping up with the procession of new ideas in order to prevent that worst of evils manifesting the pedagogical dry rot. The teacher who has a regard for her work will utilize holidays and all spare time in finding new ways to reach the intelligence and the sympathy of her pupil. And there is no future for the many save an ill-paid task in the waning years. Here and there efforts are making for the alleviation of this condition. Pension funds are being raised mainly by dint of sacrificing contributions by the teachers themselves, that they may have something better to look forward to than dependence upon others. The communities have been sadly negligent of this detail, while they have provided with greater or less liberality—always wise—for other classes of public servants.

A few of the teachers rise to better positions, being called to professorial chairs in the colleges and universities. But for every one so called dozens remain in harness in the public school system, where they are sorely needed for their experience and ability, and yet are ill-paid in terms of their accumulated capacity.

The good wishes of the parents of the District go with these faithful servants of the people as they depart on their summer outings. They have earned their vacations.

China and the Chinese.

In an editorial on the subject of our Chinese policy the Baltimore American of yesterday said:

"Although under the immigration laws hundreds of thousands of immigrants are being admitted yearly who are no more desirable than Chinese laborers, it is yet clearly impossible for this country to turn to the cooie of the orient. But it should be an easy act of statesmanship to draw the line between the desirable and the undesirable. The Chinese, and to do so is imperative if we are not to create a prejudice that will not be readily surmounted. Treaty rights are being violated by the operation of a law, treaty rights should be paramount and should be made so at once."

The line is already drawn between the desirable and the undesirable Chinaman. All that is necessary is a strict and intelligent execution of the law as it now stands to insure the purpose for which the law is intended. The mistake made at the port of Boston the other day, by which some Chinese travelers of education and good position at home were subjected to an annoying inspection before being permitted to land, was in every way regrettable. But that should not counsel less vigilance where vigilance is due, or lead to any material modification of the law. It sometimes happens that mistakes are made in the administration of law at the expense of the people. Men are arrested and detained without the proper warrant, the officers passing the bounds of their authority. But we do not hear of the repeal of any law on such an account.

The American's assertion, that "it is yet clearly impossible to throw open the door to the cooie of the orient," covers the whole case. We closed the door against the cooie. Our status was not against him. Nor was it fashioned in ignorance, or prejudice, or in the dark. The whole matter was threshed out in the press and in Congress, and the strongest men in public life recorded themselves in favor of the policy. We all knew the cooie, his habits and his character, as well as the motives of those in this country who were anxious to keep the door open for him, and our intelligence on the subject fully justified the step we finally took.

That step, we may all be sure, will not be retraced. There is no danger of the blacklisting of American goods in China, nor of the annoyance of American travelers in that country as the result of an occasional mistake made in this country in the effort to keep out a class forbidden by the law of the land. The cooie has not changed his nature, nor are we likely to change our policy toward him until he does.

Morton's First Move.

Paul Morton's order for an investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Company shows a business-like conception of his duties as chairman. We need not doubt that the Frick committee performed its work faithfully, and we shall know in a day or two what Insurance Commissioner Hendricks has discovered and recommends. But there is still room for the work that Mr. Morton has cut out; and when it has been performed he will be well prepared, by studying all three reports, to apply the necessary remedies. It is not at all likely that the blunders and unlawful acts committed under the old regime will be committed under the new, but the country is curious as to what is to be done with the men who are charged with the record which has been exposed and repudiated. Are they to be prosecuted or protected? Are such performances as theirs to be made unsafe in New York?

Secretary Hay's Return.

Secretary Hay's presence at his desk at the State Department today is a gratifying assurance of his substantial restoration to health, even though he intends to remain only for a short time before going to New England to complete his rest cure. He returns at an interesting juncture in the diplomatic relations of the United States, with the peace negotiations between Japan and Russia proceeding to a delicate point of adjustment, and with the Morocco question looking up over the horizon. And Venezuela furnishes also, a certain element of pliancy to the international situation. The American people are proud of the great statesman who has of late years managed their foreign affairs so wisely and successfully, and they rejoice at the prospect that ill health is not to deprive them either wholly or in part of his valued public services.

Mr. Frick will be rated as one of the fortunate magnates if he succeeds in giving the G. A. R. \$1,000,000 without causing any comment about tainted money.

Some of the old-style politicians, in view of Mr. Roosevelt's determination not to run again, regard his accumulation of popularity as a sheer waste of energy.

The old-time effort to comfort people by telling them they are suffering from humidity and not from heat is being revived without success.

St. Louis women will wear birds on their hats, law or no law. Even a statute must sometimes recognize the dictates of fashion as supreme.

The Equitable is a sad example of the fact that prosperity and peace do not necessarily go hand in hand.

Pending peace negotiations, Oyama will have to endure the monotony of winning victories as usual.

A Good Day for Russia.

Has the new era dawned in Russia? Is the sun rising at last upon a period of genuine reform, personal liberty, political progress and enlightened government? Consider in this connection the following words of Czar Nicholas to the members of the zemstvo deputation yesterday at his palace: "I thank you, gentlemen, for the sentiments expressed, and I join in your desire to bring about a new order of things. My personal wish and my will as emperor to summon a national assembly is not to be shaken. I await with anxiety the carrying out of this wish. You can announce this to the inhabitants of the towns and villages through Russia, and from today you will assist me in this new work. The national assembly will establish as formerly

a united Russia, and the emperor will be the supreme support of the conditions based on the principle of Russian nationalism."

This speech might have been made, as far as its tone is concerned, by an American state executive to a delegation of citizens asking him for school reforms, or an investigation into the management of an institution. It has a genuinely democratic ring. And furthermore, the dispatches say that after the address and the imperial response the czar received all the members of the deputation, shaking hands and saying a few cordial words of greeting to each. He slighted nobody, not even the radical Petrunkevitch, who has spent many years in exile, or Rodicheff, a noted firebrand; or Prince Shakhoffsky, who is best described by his sobriquet, the "anarchist prince."

Here is food for thought. The czar has had many excellent impulses since this war began, and the internal troubles disclosed the true state of the empire. He has also had successive evil days, when the old autocratic spirit of the Romanoffs took possession of him and caused him to turn a blind eye to the signs of imminent disaster. If reports are to be believed the czar is a progressive monarch when he is left alone and an absolutist when his uncles and cousins and his mother get his ear. Yesterday must have been one of his good days, with his reactionary relatives and the bureaucrats temporarily eclipsed. But whether or not they succeed later in reversing his good intentions, his attitude and words of yesterday must have a good effect, in encouraging the progressive elements of the empire to proceed with their program of reform.

Mr. Bryan may yet be selected as one of the responsible people in some of the arbitration movements that are constantly coming up. He has about convinced the public that he can refrain from forcing the subject of free silver into the conversation.

Mayor Dunne has been commending the climate of Chicago in connection with that city's invitation to the peace congress. Mr. Dunne's imagination is more than Utopian.

Owing to the immaturity of Japan's civilization Admiral Togo's picture has not yet been used as a cigarette or chewing gum advertisement.

Mr. Moody is sometimes convinced that a man who desires peace should stick to the navy and keep away from the Attorney General's office.

The Bulgarian government has bought 5,000 plows. The time for transforming swords into plowshares has not yet arrived.

Even if luck should not change, Washington's ball team will have the consolation of not being a "never-was."

Morocco preserves the placidity befitting a country which is merely the bone of contention and not a contender.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Cheerless Prediction.

"Do you think that our country will ever succeed in getting rid of grafters?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "There will be a time when grafters are unheard of. But it will be due to the change that is constantly going on in our vocabulary. There will be a new word that means the same thing."

Alphabetically Stated.

"You don't have popular education in this country."

"No," answered the Russian. "We are too busy with our I O U's to bother about our A B C's."

Peace.

Men speak of peace in gentle phrase; They say that it Should rule our ways. Yet while they talk In terms polite They often plan Another fight.

Discouraged.

"I'm downright discouraged," said the man who always looks on the dark side of life. "That's what I am; downright discouraged." "What's the trouble?" "Every summer that I can remember has produced a day that broke all previous records for heat."

Shifting the Blame.

"Smithers is one of those people who manage to shift the blame whenever anything goes wrong." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "I observe that he always has to be coaxed to sing."

An Ideal Pastime.

How we disdained the simple joys Life offered us of yore! Now, when the mercury annoys Regrets afflict us more. The blessings of this earthly lot Seem brighter as they go. We most esteem what we have not— I'd like to shovel snow.

Golf never tempts my fancy much, I never learned to play. The finer points I cannot touch In tennis or croquet. There's just one sport which I'd admire When earth is all aglow; A simple yet a vain desire— I'd like to shovel snow.

Noise as a Symbol of Joy.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

We boast of the refinements and complexities of modern civilization, but in our uses of noise we are as primitive as the savages who beat tom-toms and blew conch shells to make a hubbub. Our musical science has advanced enormously in a century, but our popular uses of music are as barbaric as the earliest. Our musical science and the great festival spot of the people which loves to call itself the most civilized on the globe, yet if the infernal regions ever poured forth a worse din than that to be heard along Surf avenue when the steam organs are blaring in warring keys and two or three bands from inside the great show reservations are pouring out ate tunes into the general conflict, it has at least escaped record. Yet the crowds wander along through the tumult actively and demonstratively joyous. Nine-tenths of the daily thousands think that this discord of brassy sounds helps them to attune themselves to the holiday mood.

A Scotch Strain.

From the Pittsburg Times. An Indiana judge has decided that the anti-cigarette law is constitutional, but that if a man wants to smoke he can. There must be Scotch blood in the veins of this jurist.

Mean Fling.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer. Even a man who has done as much for his country and the world as William H. Taft has cannot hope to entirely escape adverse criticism and even calumny. Somebody says the Secretary looks like Grover Cleveland.

Their Manly Forms.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. This is the season of the year when a lot of athletic young men in athletic pajamas are having their pictures printed in the papers.

Her Time to Bloom.

From the Atlanta Constitution. Ah, the sweet girl graduate!

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\$9.98

For Exquisite \$25 Japanese Silk Suits!

These beautiful Suits will bring a rush of buyers, for it's an offering we've never seen equaled. Richest and finest Japanese Silk Suits, some in white, trimmed in black; they are superbly designed with silk lace medallions and insertions; the waists are exquisitely made with tucks and the newest full sleeves. This is without doubt one of the most wonderful offerings ever made, for these beautiful suits are worth up to \$25.

\$2.98

For Handsome China Silk Waists, Value Up to \$8!

Here's probably the most popular offering in the sale. These Waists embrace the very newest and most up-to-date styles, and are made of the finest quality China Silks, not the flimsy quality offered at times by some stores. The designs are the richest and handsomest shown this season—exquisite patterns in silk-worked eyelet embroidery, finest Val lace insertion, hemstitched pin tucks and clusters of tucks, lace edged collars and cuffs, heavy lace insertion, etc.; the colors are white, cream, blue and brown. By taking the entire stock of over 1,000 waists we got them at a price that enables us to sell them at \$2.98, although worth high as \$8.

\$3.98

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\$6 Shirt Waist

Suits - - - - - \$2.49

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